AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.–10. (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) The bariatric patient management system according to Claim 18, further comprising a trapeze base frame having a two-point mounting configuration.

12. (original) The bariatric patient management system according to Claim 11, wherein said trapeze base frame includes a pivotally mounted trapeze boom.

13. (cancelled)

14. (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) The bariatric patient management system according to Claim 18, wherein said actuators are at least one of a push actuator and a pull actuator.

16. (previously presented) The bariatric patient management system according to Claim 18, wherein said actuators are electric actuators.

17. (previously presented) The bariatric patient management system according to Claim 18, wherein said actuators are hydraulic actuators.

18. (currently amended) A bariatric patient management system comprising:

a main frame having a first end and a second end;

a backrest section disposed on said main frame adjacent the first end, said backrest section including at least one backrest panel, a backrest side pull out extension slidingly disposed in a side of the backrest section, and a backrest actuator linked to said backrest section to selectively cause an inclination of said backrest panel;

a middle section disposed on said main frame adjacent said backrest section, said middle section including at least one middle panel and a middle side pull out extension slidingly disposed in a side of the middle section;

a leg section disposed on said main frame adjacent said middle section, said leg section including at least one leg panel, a leg side pull out extension slidingly disposed in a side of the leg section, and a leg actuator linked to said leg section to selectively cause an inclination of said leg panel;

a foot section disposed on said main frame adjacent the leg section and the second end of said main frame, said foot section including at least one foot panel, a foot side pull out extension slidingly disposed in a side of the foot section, and a foot actuator linked to said foot section to selectively cause an inclination of said foot panel relative said frame;~~ and~~

ground engaging wheels disposed on said main frame to facilitate a transporting of the bariatric patient management system[[,]];

an extensible end pull out extension slidingly disposed in one of the first end and the second end of said main frame, said extensible end pull out extension facilitating a lengthening and shortening of the bariatric patient management system;

a side rail adjustably connected to the backrest side pull out extension, said side rail having a plurality of positions; and

an ingress/egress bar adjustably connected to the foot side pull out extension, said ingress/egress bar pivotably mounted to the foot side pull out extension,

wherein the backrest panel, the middle panel, the leg panel, and the foot panel cooperate to form a mattress supporting surface, and said backrest side pull out extension, said middle side pull out extension, said leg side pull out

extension, and said foot side pull out extension cooperate to selectively increase a width of the mattress supporting surface.

19. (cancelled)

20. (original) The bariatric patient management system according to Claim 18, further comprising at least one load cell mounted between said wheels and said main frame.

21. (currently amended) The bariatric patient management system according to Claim 11, wherein the trapeze base frame includes a pair of fixed outwardly extending arms.

22. (previously presented) The bariatric patient management system according to Claim 12, wherein the trapeze base frame includes a plurality of apertures formed therein, a spring loaded locking pin selectively cooperating with one of the plurality of apertures to lock the trapeze boom in a desired position.

23. (previously presented) The bariatric patient management system according to Claim 18, including a motor to cause rotation of at least one of the wheels.

24. (previously presented) The bariatric patient management system according to Claim 20, wherein the main frame includes a hollow member supporting the load cell.

25. (currently amended) A bariatric patient management system comprising:

a main frame having a first end and a second end;

a trapeze base frame having a two-point mounting configuration <u>having a pair of fixed outwardly extending arms</u> disposed on said main frame adjacent the first end;

a backrest section disposed on said main frame adjacent the first end, said backrest section including at least one backrest panel, a backrest side pull out extension slidingly disposed in a side of the backrest section, and a backrest actuator linked to said backrest section to selectively cause an inclination of said backrest panel;

a middle section disposed on said main frame adjacent said backrest section, said middle section including at least one middle panel and a middle side pull out extension slidingly disposed in a side of the middle section;;

a leg section disposed on said main frame adjacent said middle section, said leg section including at least one leg panel, a leg side pull out extension slidingly disposed in a side of the leg section, and a leg actuator linked to said leg section to selectively cause an inclination of said leg panel;

a foot section disposed on said main frame adjacent the leg section and the second end of said main frame, said foot section including at least one foot panel, a foot side pull out extension slidingly disposed in a side of the foot section, and a foot actuator linked to said foot section to selectively cause an inclination of said foot panel relative said frame;

ground engaging wheels disposed on said main frame to facilitate a transporting of the bariatric patient management system; [[and]]

at least one load cell mounted between one of said wheels and said main frame[[,]];

<u>an extensible end pull out extension slidingly disposed in one of the first end and the second end of said main frame, said extensible end pull out extension facilitating a lengthening and shortening of the bariatric patient management system;</u>

<u>a side rail adjustably connected to the backrest side pull out extension, said side rail having a plurality of positions; and</u>

an ingress/egress bar adjustably connected to the foot side pull out extension, said ingress/egress bar pivotably mounted to the foot side pull out extension,

wherein the backrest panel, the middle panel, the leg panel, and the foot panel cooperate to form a mattress supporting surface, and said backrest side pull out extension, said middle side pull out extension, said leg side pull out extension, and said foot side pull out extension cooperate to selectively increase a width of the mattress supporting surface.